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RIGHT OF WAY ACRONYMS & ABBREVIATIONS

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- 1. <u>Administrative Offer Worksheet Form VL-4 (AOW)</u>. It is used to establish value in the administrative acquisition process.
- 2. Administrative Policy Memorandum (APM). Departmental directives.
- 3. <u>Bureau of Project Development (BPD)</u>. Organizational Unit of MDOT having general responsibility for preconstruction project activities, including right of way.
- Categorical Exclusion (CE). Lowest Federal environmental impact classification.
 Detailed definition is at 23 CFR 771.117.
- 5. <u>Code of Federal Regulations (CFR)</u>. Rules published by agencies of the Federal government that are necessary to implement provisions of Federal law.
- 6. <u>Decent, Safe and Sanitary (DS&S)</u>. Required health and safety requirements of replacement housing under the relocation program. See Section 6-1.06 of this *Manual*.
- 7. <u>Environmental Assessment (EA)</u>. Environmental study undertaken by the Department to clearly establish environmental impact of a proposed project. The EA is defined at 23 **CFR** 771,119.
- 8. <u>Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)</u>. A comprehensive study of social, environmental and economic impacts of a proposed project and evaluation of all reasonable alternatives. The EIS is described fully at 23 *CFR* 771.123 and 125.
- 9. <u>Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)</u>. Federal agency under the U.S. Department of Transportation having responsibility for oversight and coordination of the Federal-Aid Highway Program.
- 10. <u>Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI)</u>. Finding by FHWA subsequent to an EA, that a proposed project will not have a significant effect on the environment. The FONZI is fully described at 23 *CFR* 771.121.
- 11. Local Public Agency (LPA). Includes all jurisdictions of local government.
- 12. <u>Last Resort Housing (LRH)</u>. Program of providing replacement housing for displacees when it is not available on the market or is not available within normal relocation program benefits. LRH is fully described at Section 6-10 of this *Manual*.
- 13. <u>MDOT Bureau of Maintenance and Operations (M&O)</u>. Right of way coordinates closely with M&O in managing right of way after construction. See Chapter 7 of this *Manual*.

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- 14. <u>Maine Department of Transportation (MDOT)</u>.
- 15. <u>Mortgage Interest Differential (MID)</u>. Relocation benefit which compensates for the displacee's loss of a mortgage having a favorable interest rate. See Section 6-7.04.
- 16. <u>Maine Revised Statutes Annotated (MRSA)</u>. Title 23 includes provisions relating to right of way.
- 17. <u>Names and Addresses List (N&A List)</u>. Property ownership information compiled early in the right of way process. See Sections 2-2.01 and 2-3.01.
- 18. <u>National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)</u>. Comprehensive Federal law providing for evaluation of environmental impacts of federally assisted programs and projects and measures to protect and enhance the environment.
- 19. <u>National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA)</u>. Comprehensive Federal law protecting America's historic resources.
- 20. <u>Property Owner Report (Form MR-1) (POR)</u>. Assembly of property information including ownership (from N&A List) land use and property improvements. See Section 2-3.03.
- 21. <u>Plans, Specifications and Estimate (PS & E)</u>. Assembly of documents necessary for submitting a highway construction project for bid.
- 22. <u>Quality Assurance/Quality Control (QA/QC)</u>. Activities performed to assure a continuing high level of quality in right of way. See Chapter 10.
- 23. <u>Request for Proposals (RFP)</u>. Advertised call for submission of proposals to performance of work under contract.
- 24. <u>Request for Qualifications (RFQ)</u>. Advertised call for submission of consultant qualifications for performance of specific professional services.
- 25. Replacement Housing Payment (RHP). Financial benefit to residential owner displacee that enables the displacee to purchase a comparable replacement dwelling. See Section 6-7.
- 26. Rent Supplement (RS). Financial benefit to residential tenant displacee that enables the displacee to rent a comparable replacement dwelling. See Section 6-8.
- 27. Right of Way (R/W).
- 28. <u>State Claims Commission (SCC)</u>. State Board established by the Maine Legislature to make awards of just compensation in highway condemnations. The purposes and powers of the SCC are set forth at 23 *MRSA* 151 and 152.
- 29. <u>Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21)</u>. Federal law authorizing funding for surface transportation programs including highways, and setting forth national transportation goals.

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- 30. <u>Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970</u> (URA) (as amended). Federal law defining uniform policies for real property acquisition, and declaring a program of assistance and financial benefits to persons (residents, businesses, farms, non profits) displaced as a result of any Federally funded program or project.
- 31. <u>United States Code (USC)</u>. Codification of all Federal laws under 49 Titles. Right of way activities are found in Title 23 Highways, and in Title 49, Transportation.
- 32. <u>Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice (USPAP)</u>. Appraisal standards established by the Appraisal Standards Board of the Appraisal Foundation. The USPAP is a national standard binding on State certified appraisers in all States.

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